

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-32. (Canceled)

33. (Withdrawn) A graphical user interface for searching for a device among a plurality of devices within one or more data centers comprising:

an input interface for entering one of a hostname of said device and an IP address of said device; and

a display screen which provides selected information associated with said device based upon whether the input interface received a hostname or an IP address.

34. (Withdrawn) The graphical user interface of claim 33, wherein said display screen provides an IP address state assignment interface element when said user enters an IP address into said input interface.

35. (Previously Presented) A graphical user interface for an automated service provisioning system, comprising:

a first user interface element via which a user can select at least one computing device to be configured, from among a plurality of networked devices;

a second user interface element via which the user designates an operating system to be loaded on the selected computing device; and

a third interface element via which the user can establish name/value pairs for configuration of the designated operating system on the selected device.

36. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 35, wherein said first user interface element enables the user to select a plurality of computing devices to be configured simultaneously with the designated operating system.

37. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 35, further including a third user interface element via which the user designates at least one of application software and application data to be loaded on the selected computing device.

38. (Previously Presented) A graphical user interface for an automated service provisioning system, comprising:

- a first user interface element via which a user can select at least one computing device to be configured, from among a plurality of networked devices;

- a second user interface element via which the user designates an operating system to be loaded on the selected computing device; and

- a third user interface element via which the user designates at least one of application software and application data to be loaded on the selected computing device, wherein said third user interface element displays a list of versions of application software that are currently approved for loading onto the selected computing device.

39. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 38, wherein said third user interface element includes a component that is actuable by the user to cause deprecated versions of application software to be displayed for designation.

40. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 39, wherein said deprecated versions are displayed in said list together with said currently approved versions.

41. (Previously Presented) A graphical user interface for an automated service provisioning system, comprising:

a first user interface element via which a user can select at least one computing device to be configured, from among a plurality of networked devices;

a second user interface element via which the user designates an operating system to be loaded on the selected computing device; and

a third user interface element via which the user designates at least one of application software and application data to be loaded on the selected computing device, wherein said third user interface element displays a list of versions of application data that are currently approved for loading onto the selected computing device.

42. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 41, wherein said third user interface element includes a component that is actuatable by the user to cause deprecated versions of application data to be displayed for designation.

43. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 42, wherein said deprecated versions are displayed in said list together with said currently approved versions.

44. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 35, wherein said second user interface element displays a list of versions of operating system that are currently approved for loading onto the selected computing device.

45. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 44, wherein said second user interface element includes a component that is actuable by the user to cause deprecated versions of operating system to be displayed for designation.

46. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 45, wherein said deprecated versions are displayed in said list together with said currently approved versions.

47. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 35, wherein said user interface is responsive to designation of an operating system to cause the identification of the designated operating system to be stored in a database in association with the selected computing device.

48. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 37, wherein said user interface is responsive to designation of an application software or application data to cause the identification of the designated application software or application data to be stored in a database in association with the selected computing device.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 38, further including a fourth interface element via which the user can establish name/value pairs for configuration of the designated application software on the selected device.

51. (Previously Presented) A method for repeatable model-based configuration control of network computing devices that provide a service, comprising the following steps:

displaying a user interface having a first user interface element via which a user can select at least one computing device to be configured, from among a plurality of networked devices;

displaying a second user interface element via which the user can designate an operating system to be loaded on a computing device selected via said first user interface element, wherein said second user interface element displays a list of versions of operating systems that are currently approved for loading onto the selected computing device, and is responsive to actuation of a component thereof to display deprecated versions of operating systems; and

in response to designation of an operating system, storing an identification of the designated operating system in a database in association with the selected computing device.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, further including the steps of:

displaying a third user interface element via which the user can designate at least one of application software and application data to be loaded on the selected computing device; and

in response to designation of application software or application data, storing an identification of the designated application software or application data in said database in association with the selected computing device.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51 wherein said first user interface element enables the user to select a plurality of computing devices to be configured simultaneously and the identification of the designated operating system is stored in said database in association with each of the selected computing devices.

54. (Canceled)

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51 further including the steps of:

displaying a third user interface element via which the user can establish name/value pairs for configuration of the designated operating system on the selected device; and

storing said established name/value pairs in said database in association with the selected device.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, further including the steps of automatically loading the designated operating system on the selected device in accordance with the identification stored in said database.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, further including the steps of automatically configuring the operating system on the selected device in accordance with the name/value pairs stored in said database.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, further including the steps of automatically loading the designated operating system on the selected device in accordance with the identification stored in said database.

59. (Previously Presented) A graphical user interface for an automated service provisioning system, comprising:

a first user interface element via which a user can select at least one computing device to be configured, from among a plurality of networked devices; and

a second user interface element via which the user designates at least one of application software and application data to be loaded on the selected computing device, wherein said second user interface element displays a list of versions of application software that are currently approved for loading onto the selected computing device.

60. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 59, wherein said first user interface element enables the user to select a plurality of computing devices to be configured simultaneously with the designated application software or application data.

61. (Canceled)

62. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 59, wherein said second user interface element includes a component that is actuable by the user to cause deprecated versions of application software to be displayed for designation.

63. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 62, wherein said deprecated versions are displayed in said list together with said currently approved versions.

64. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 59, wherein said second user interface element further displays a list of versions of application data that are currently approved for loading onto the selected computing device, and includes a component that is actuable by the user to cause deprecated versions of application data to be displayed for designation.

65. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 59, wherein said user interface is responsive to designation of an application software or application data to cause the identification of the designated application software or application data to be stored in a database in association with the selected computing device.

66. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 59, further including a third interface element via which the user can establish name/value pairs for configuration of the designated application software on the selected device.